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Re: Premarket Notification of Synthetically Made Hydroxycitric Acid

Dear Ms. Lutwak:

Shannon Minerals Ltd., located in Limerick, Ireland, submits the enclosed notification of a new dietary ingredient, synthetically made hydroxycitric acid, pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 190.6. An original and two copies of the notification are submitted. The company is the manufacturer of a dietary supplement, which contains the new dietary ingredient.

While Shannon Minerals Ltd. is the submitter, any questions and all other communications about the notification may be directed to me as the agent/attorney representing the company in the U.S. My contact information is:

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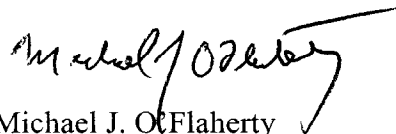
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The notification forwards evidence of safety establishing that the dietary ingredient, when used under the conditions recommended or suggested in the labeling of the dietary supplement, will reasonably be expected to be safe by providing the Food and Drug Administration with information, including citations to, and copies of, published articles, which are the basis on which the manufacturer has concluded that the dietary supplement containing the dietary ingredient will reasonably be expected to be safe. *See generally* 21 U.S.C. § 350b(a)(2).

Thank you and Dr. Linda Pellicore for your attention to, and advice on, this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. O'Flaherty", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. O'Flaherty
Counsel to Shannon Minerals Ltd.

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Enclosures